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The Road to Bouvet
Are we there yet?

JANUARY PROGRAM

Secrets of End Feed Wire Antennas

By Bob Brehm, AK6R

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From the Prez . . .

Mike, **NA6MB**

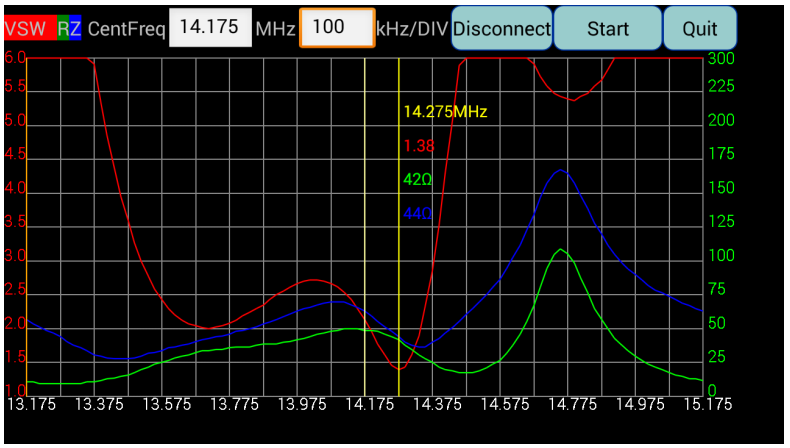
What a great Holiday Party! A job well done by Ron, WB1EAZ, VP and party coordinator along with Bud, AE6BH, Board member and prize chairman.

Great prizes and the Fiddler's Green did an excellent job as usual.

Gayle, K6GO and I got back from Cabo just in time to go to the party. No ham radio from there, so it's good to be back and be able to get on the air.

While I was gone, I ordered a new MINI60S antenna analyzer.

Here is a picture comparing it to our MFJ259. It is less than 1/8 the size and much more powerful. This model comes with a Li-ion battery and Bluetooth. Cost me $115 shipped from China vs $250 for the MFJ. It is totally computer controlled and all you have to do is set the frequency, step size and press scan.

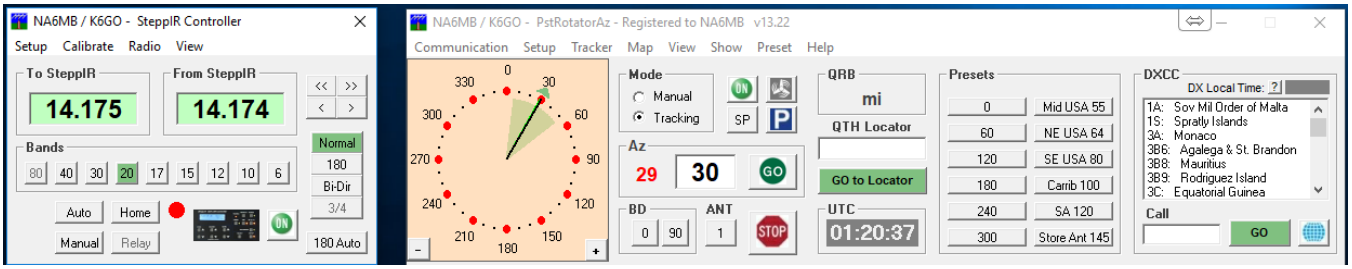


This graph is a screen shot from my android phone after connecting with Bluetooth and doing a scan of my SteppIR on 20 meters. It matched up very closely with the MFJ readings. The graph shows center at 14.175 MHz, the SWR is 1.38 at 14.275 MHz, R is 42 ohms and Z is 44 ohms. You can set the center frequency and kHz/div (thereby setting scan width) from 1 to 60.

You can also use it stand alone and the two line display shows the frequency of lowest SWR, the 2 to 1 SWR bandwidth, the R and Z. I had to do some research to find the Android app and manual because you get nothing with the unit. I also found a Windows program that supposedly does even more, but I haven't tried that yet.

I got the MINI60S to go portable when I need to tune our Buddipole. Very cool little device.

Also, after a lot of work and research our PstRotatorAz program is working.



I have been working on and off for a while to get this software working right.

We used to have the SteppIR connect to the PC and FT2000 via a Y cable. When we added the ELAD I found that didn't allow the ELAD to control the SteppIR. We needed PstRotatorAz to get the SteppIR working with BOTH our FT2000 and ELAD FDM-DUO and it does.

Features I liked or needed for SteppIR: Receives radio data from HRD or N1MM. Allows Normal, Bi-Dir or 180 mode, allows frequency change manually or after tuning change selected from "On Frequency Change" (normal SteppIR AUTOTRACK), just on band changes or after a frequency shift of 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 50, 100 or 200 KHz and SteppIR RS232 RTS or DTR can show "Tuning" for TX disable. Also beeps and shows a red indicator dot when tuning (See left pane above).

Features I liked or needed for the G-800SDX rotator: Replace rotator programs in HRD or N1MM, allows click on bearing, preset bearing buttons, SP or LP, click on map, right click to set 180 mode, enter bearing, enter grid or enter call sign to turn the rotor. Also has "Park" bearing and a turn to bearing (fixed bearing or into the wind) based on a set wind speed limit. Very nice software for €20 (about $25USD)

So, while the propagation is slow and we are waiting for the FT8 frame to finish, we are slowly getting the ham shack projects finished or on track. Next is to finish the electronic antenna switch box. More on that coming soon.

And, lastly, some IDXC (Visalia Convention) requests:

Please consider signing up for some time at the registration table. Always fun to meet all of the worldwide hams as they arrive. See Ron, WB1EAZ.

Wayne, N7NG (n7ng@bresnan.net) is looking for a DXer who would like to give a little time on Friday morning to talk with perspective DXing hams on the basics. Email Wayne if interested.

See you on January 24 at Sizzler for the next SDDXC meeting.

Mike, **NA6MB**

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, **KQ6RS**

Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2017

Since we did not have an actual meeting in December, these are not to be considered as "official meeting minutes." I thought it would be good to include the Treasurer's Report this month, rather than go two months between them.

On December 17th, we had our annual Holiday Party at Fiddlers Green (for the 4th year in a row). A total of 54 (members and guests) were in attendance. The club picked up half of the cost.

Membership renewals – as of 1/17/18, there are 19 members who still need to pay renewal dues.

Treasurer's Report

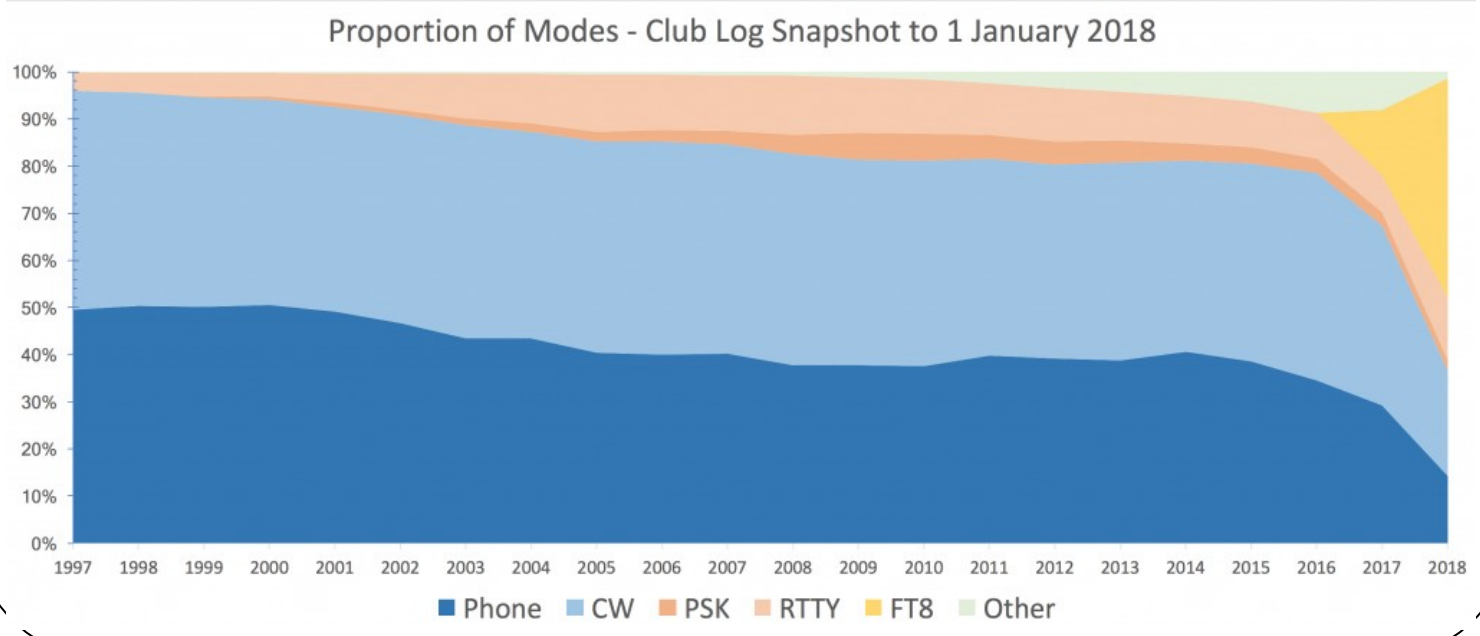
Income for December (and part of January): $969.70 for membership.

Expenses for December: $916.62 ($742.50 for club covering ½ the cost of the holiday party, $174.12 for holiday party prizes)

Statement Balance on 1/17/2018 $5,873.47

Randy, **KQ6RS**

Tried FT8 Yet?



VP Report

Ron, **WB1EAZ**

Hope all had a relaxing holiday. The Club Holiday Party was enjoyed by 55 members and their guests. We had about 35 door prizes, so many received a prize. Please remember to thank the door prize sponsors for their donations. By making them aware that club members are aware of their donations, we will ensure that we have great prizes in future years. The food at Fiddler's Green was great and it was agreed by many that next year's party should be held there. It always seems that the holidays are here before you know it, and then the food is gone and the socializing over and winter is here. At our location we are expecting snow this weekend so I am getting out the shovel. It doesn't look like it will be anything serious – except for the traffic jams trying to get to Mt. Laguna and beyond to play in the first snowfall of the season.

Enough - how about DX?

As the weekend approaches, we are waiting for the Bouvet ship to leave the dock. It seems like forever that they've been fueled and ready. The good thing is that we are told any departure delays will not change the total operating planned on the island. There are a few major DXpeditions in the offing for 2018. I would encourage all to consider a donation to help with the significant coast of putting on one of the major expeditious to a most-wanted country. In particular, I'd recommend Bouvet, KH1 and Ducie Island for your donation consideration.

With the New Year, it is a chance to note some individuals for their contributions. N6KI, Dennis, was mentioned in an article in the January CQ by AA2AV as one of the individuals who helped get him relicensed. NA6L is mentioned in a new FT8 guide as a contributor. The passing of Neville Cheadle, a major figure in the UK DX scene, who was the prime organizer behind the T32 expedition and many other expeditions, was a shock. He was very active in the CDXC, holding many leadership positions. He passed away unexpectedly after being hospitalized for a knee replacement operation.

Although DX was sparse over the holidays, Bouvet should liven things up. The 6O activity has helped keep the airwaves open. ARRL has been making headlines lately on the internet in the amateur community, with a board meeting on January 19th at which many controversial proposals are to be on the table. Our Dick Norton, N6AA, was censured by the board for statements he made at Visalia last year despite testimony to the contrary from well known hams. With late breaking news, the CEO of ARRL is going to resign effective March 1 – so we will see if any changes are coming.

FT8 continues to make news. Today, Club Log announced that for the most recent period, FT8 represented about 57% of contacts logged. SSB is down, but CW is down more significantly. Note that with the band crowding on FT8, some of the stations are drifting into JT65 area. Yesterday I noted a PZ station working 30M FT8 at 10138.33, so keep an eye out for stations above the FT8 window. Also , ZL2IFB has published an Operating Guide to FT8 that has some great tips for FT8 operators. If you want to read it, check the DX Bulletins for links or DX Word has a link.

Note that we have a lineup of extraordinary programs. AA7A will speak at the February Meeting on how he reached 3000 countries in the DX challenge and more. N6CW will discuss 6M Dxing at the March meeting. Shortly after we should have a program on Bouvet and Ducie Islands and more! Stay tuned.

November Program
DXing from Syria
By Omar Shabsigh, YK1AO

Omar was originally scheduled to provide the program at the October Meeting, but instead was the speaker at our November meeting. Omar was very active from Syria, being their IARU delegate and serving as president of the Syrian amateur radio group. With the uncertain situation in the country, he came to the US where his family is located. We are fortunate that one of his sons is located in the San Diego area, and Omar has been staying with that son at present. Omar provided a broad overview of how he became a radio amateur and his experiences. We are looking forward to seeing Omar at our meetings.

January Program
Secrets of End Feed Wire Antennas
By Bob Brehm, AK6R

Learn how to select, choose and setup an end fed antenna system that works on multiple bands; is stealthy; and radiates well at low heights. Find out the secrets of antenna matching, reducing RFI and minimizing noise present on many end fed antennas. Sample antennas will be available to see and touch and to ask questions.

Ron, **WB1EAZ**

THE SDDXC TOP 10
By John, K6AM

The top 10 returns tanned and rested in Feb.

John, **K6AM**

From the Editor

Bob, **K9RHY**

DAYTON HAMVENTION 2003 THE DX FORUM REMARKS OF DON MILLER, AE6IY (EX-W9WNV)

MILLER: Good morning. I think the first thing I should say up here is QRZ. (Laughs.)

But, I want to tell you just how grateful I feel and how blessed I feel to have so many hundreds of DXers, mainly, who have given me so much encouragement and so much support.

I want to thank hundreds and hundreds of DXers who have supported me. They're the most -- I think, of all the friendships in the world, those with DXers are the most enduring, at least I've found it that way, and the most forgiving, and the most loyal, and I am so grateful today to have so many friends, and I'm so thankful to be here to talk to you.

I have a couple of thousand color slides all laid out. I went through some of them. I left them all at home because, basically, I just want to talk to you this morning. And, I'll try to make it short.

I'm going to talk about a couple of controversial things and get those out of the way. I think I have somebody I need to apologize to. And, then, I want to tell you just a little bit about some things about our DXpeditions that maybe you don't know, even you oldtimers.

I had the pleasure of operating from 58 different countries, or DX entities, of which about 10 were quite common, such as Australia, Kenya and so on. So, there were about 48 countries that were either brand new or extremely rare or scarce, I would say about three-quarters of million QSL cards, not the computer variety.

Of these operations, of the 48 or so, I believe seven of them were disqualified, and most of those should have been disqualified. There's one I want to talk to you about that caused a great deal of controversy toward the end of the three-year expedition, and that is St. Peter and St. Paul's Rocks, which I operated along with a friend of mine -- it wasn't his fault -- where we weren't at the location.

That always was -- that was a new country and everybody needed it, and while we were planning to be there, a young German ham showed up there for about an hour and worked, maybe, 50 or so DXers, most of them from a particular club, and I didn't think much about it at the time because I was in the process of obtaining a license from the Brazilian government to operate there.

And, when I did, I found out that we were the first station that was licensed to operate from there, that the first one truly wasn't licensed, and may not actually have been there. So, when it came to where we couldn't find any ship to take us there, we found five or six very seaworthy vessels but it was a very difficult landing and none of the captains, nobody, would take us there.

I figured, in my warped reasoning at the time, that, "Well, if the League was going to count an operation which it knew was not licensed and may not have been there, certainly it would give me the chance to give everybody else in the DX fraternity a chance to talk to the same place with a DXpedition that wasn't there also, but which was at least licensed.

So, that's what turned out to be the biggest controversy. It infuriated some people and caused a lot of political doings and so on.

Now, the one operation that should not have been disqualified, which was a hundred percent legitimate, was one of the most difficult, and that was Navassa Island, which virtually everybody needed as well.

There were hostilities in the area, there was some trouble with Cuba at the time, and I had heard that somebody in the Air Force or the Navy didn't want anybody on the island. But, when I checked, I found that it was more or less -- their attitude was, "Well, you go there at your own risk," which is the case with many of the places that we visited on the expedition.

So, I planned to go there. And, on the way there, we stopped at the Coast Guard station and stayed overnight in Ponce, Puerto Rico, on the south coast, and they gave us a clearance, an official port clearance, to go there.

So, it was a very difficult operation. We had to climb up -- there may be some here that went on subsequent expeditions there. But, we had to climb up some very steep cliffs. There was a ladder to help us part of the way.

We had to use a pulley, a makeshift rope, to bring the equipment up on the rock piece by piece, and we had a small, 16-foot, fishing boat, which had to be careful not to be dashed on the rocks below, due to the enormous swell. It was scorching hot. We had a limited amount of water that had to be rationed.

And, there were some fighter planes that came over from time to time from, probably, Cuba, but didn't bother us other than that.

It was a difficult, hard-fought, DXpedition, and we took great pains, as with all of them, to try to work everybody, and it was very difficult to work JAs from there because it was a strictly north polar route and the propagation wasn't good. But, we did. And, we were very happy.

And, then, it was disqualified, allegedly because the Coast Guard didn't want us there, or the Navy didn't want us there. But, I have never been able to find any regulation, or ordinance, or law that prohibited it. So, I'm going to ask the League if it would reconsider that one place, because it was so difficult and so hard-fought and a hundred percent legitimate.

We painted our callsigns all over the rocks and there was no question about being licensed or about being there. I just wanted to get that off my chest.

One good thing about the controversy that occurred is that the League made some changes and DXCC is extremely fair, extremely well organized now, and there were some really wonderful changes made.

Our expedition, we conducted it and it cost us $30 a day, total. That includes the ship, the fuel, the food, the equipment, everything. And, when my money ran out, Ack, W4ECI, who had helped to sponsor Gus, prior to me, pitched in, and when that ran out a lot of you DXers would send checks with your QSL cards. And, we made an effort to send a direct QSL card from the island, or from the next place where there was a post office, to anybody who had done that for us. We did QSL a hundred percent.

We were lucky, somedays, to make 50 miles, depending on the wind and the current. If you can imagine that you need at least a gallon or two of water, per day, per person, and you have three people on a little, 30-foot, boat, and you're going to be gone for 60 days, and you figure out the weight at eight pounds per gallon, and add that to the weight of the generators, and the equipment, and the antennas, and the food and a little bit of clothing, and a 55-gallon drum of petrol you wind up with three to four times what the capacity, the cargo capacity, of a little ship like that is.

So, it was quite dangerous. And, as you probably know, we lost our ship in 1966, in the Pacific, in a tropical cyclone, in a hurricane. My best friend, Chuck, who organized the expedition with me, another ham, Ted Thorpe, from New Zealand, who was in radio and television down there, a Fijian lad who was the mate on ship, and a doctor who was not a ham but owned the boat, and his wife, who was pregnant, and she was a former Miss Hawaii, they perished.

They were on Wallis Island. I was in North and South America talking at some DX clubs, trying to raise some funds so that the expedition could continue. And, I heard that they never made it back,

As you probably know, any place in the world that a vessel, a plane, or a ship is lost, there is some country that's responsible for searching in that area. And, in this area, it was New Zealand, and New Zealand sent a great, big, flying boat. And, my friends at Hickham -- I'm formerly from the Air Force -- Hickham Air Force Base -- sent, also, a search and rescue team, and we searched for about five days, oh, every square inch of sea that you can imagine. We had volunteers on the search team. And, we didn't find anything.

I went down to Wellington, New Zealand and talked to Ted's wife, Colleen Thorpe, and we managed to get the New Zealand authorities to make a second search, because in calculating the drift rates, we thought that they may have washed ashore somewhere, and we searched a different area. And, we found one piece of the hull of our ship -- and I know it was our ship because of the color and the canvas and so on -- and that's all we ever found.

So, I had visited the families of those involved. That was about it. But, the DXers seemed to want to continue, and I know that Ted and Chuck would have wanted to. So, I met up with a fellow named Jack Astley who had a 30-foot trimaran, and we spent the next year or so going to the remaining places that we had wanted to go to begin with.

I'm proud that during that time we did accomplish something. First of all -- and, I say "we" because I wasn't the only operator at time; there were others -- and, we wrote the first DX handbook that came out. We set records in contests. I think we held them from four continents at the same time.

I think we set some operating standards which didn't exist before that, such as one contact per band per mode. I handled the pileups myself. We didn't leave until we had just about everybody worked who was calling us. Sometimes it took longer than others. At least we tried to. We QSLed everybody, tried to be on the air during the contests, which always caused quite a stir. So, there are some things I'm proud of.

But, there are some things I'm not so proud of as well. So, first of all, I'd like to apologize to anybody that was disillusioned or upset that -- especially about the PY0 operation. I've told you the reason for it. I don't think anything justified it, but that's what happened. It's in the past.

And, there's another group of DXers I'd also like to apologize to, and I hope there are at least some here today. During the course of the operation, sometimes you're the only person there. Our expedition wasn't like some of these that you saw. Very often, I would be the only person on the island or there would be one or two helping me. The landings were difficult. We had been at sea, sometimes, for a long time, and I reached the island, sometimes, really exhausted.

Sometimes the island was very difficult to find. We had a sextant, we had WWV, and we had a chart, and that's how we found the island. There was no navigational system.

But, on reaching the island, I had to set up the antennas by myself, usually the tent, the generators, get the fuel ashore, and usually, if everything was working or when everything was working, I was too excited, as tired as I was, to just turn it off and get a few hours' rest. So, it was usually a nonstop type of thing for several days, with maybe a couple hours of sleep here and there. So, I was in kind of an irritable frame of mind.

And, when some people would call me for the second or third time on a band, I'd scold 'em. And, finally, I started forming this list of DXers, or people that I wouldn't work. It wasn't on paper; it was just up here in my head. And, the list grew, and I know there are hams on there that did absolutely nothing wrong, it's just my fault, and I wouldn't work 'em.

And, I didn't realize at the time -- I didn't stop and think -- you know, there was a time when I was back here trying to work DX, and what it would do to somebody who needed a country, on top of the list. And nobody, I think, should put themselves in that position to judge or to exercise that kind of power, so I think it was wrong. And, I've apologized to a few people involved.

But, here today, one of the things I wanted to do is offer a heartfelt, deep, apology to anybody whom I frustrated and angered by my conduct at the time, because I think it was completely wrong.

And, there are a couple of oldtimers, unfortunately, who passed away here recently, whom I wanted to personally apologize to. So, if you can accept my apology, I'm very grateful for that, and if not I understand. And, if you're here, I'd like to talk to you afterwards or sometime in the future.

Now, DX has been, and ham radio has been, wonderful to me. I first got involved in the fifties. I was awed at the thought of -- and, that was during the Cold War -- talking to Russian amateurs, talking to those behind the Iron Curtain, even just to exchange a name or a callsign. And, in my travels during the three years of the DXpedition, I met the most wonderful people, and all through my ordeal the last 20 years, many of them have supported me, come and visited me, and encouraged me, none more so than a group of Japanese amateurs whom I originally met when I started out in Korea as HL9KH, the first of the 58 or so foreign callsigns, back in 1960.

I used to go over to Japan, I met some Japanese DXers, and any place I would go -- in those days, most of the Japanese DXers were running 25 watts and a dipole. The technology wasn't what it is today and it wasn't available.

So, in certain places of the world, it was very difficult for them to communicate, due to the paths, the communications paths, propagation paths. So, I made an effort to work all the JAs I could and we've remained friends, and during the last couple of years a group of them, literally, came to my rescue, and helped me spiritually, economically, and in every way possible. So, I want to thank that group of hams, in particular.

There's one here that's representative of the group that I would like to stand up, and if you would just give him an acknowledgement. His name is Izumi Soma. He is now KH6JA. Soma-san, if you're here, would you just raise your hand or stand up, so people can see who you are?

(Applause.)

MILLER: I think this is typical of DXers, and I've just run into, probably, a couple hundred of you here in the last day or two and, I'm telling you, I'm so grateful that you feel the way you do. And, one of the reasons for that is that I had planned to leave on another expedition this fall. I'm not able to. But, I will. It may be a year. I've got a very, very excellent ship, one that'll make four times the speed of anything I've been on before, at my disposal. It has, also, twin diesels that will give it another 1,500 or 1,600 or maybe 1,800 miles range, if needed. I've got a pledge of some equipment and some funding.

And, there is one new country out there. There is one. And, what's coming up in the horizon politically, there may be one or two more.

And, people have asked me, when I've said this over the last few years, "Well, where is it?" And, I haven't said anything, but I met somebody here yesterday who knows about it as well.

So, I listened to Wayne Mills speak earlier, and I listened to him mention that there are still revisions going on in DXCC. And, I would like to recommend just one revision. If somebody goes to a place and operates and it qualifies as a new country in all ways, and the League committee looks at it and approves it, it should count. You shouldn't have to get it qualified first, because I think that creates a little mischief. And, I've seen a couple of instances here in the last year when there's actually been some rather cutthroat competition to get somewhere first, and the one with the most money and the most facilities seem to prevail.

I think that, if a person goes somewhere and if it's not on the list, he goes at his own risk, or her own risk, as the case may be. And, that's the way it should be. If it turns out to be a country, it should be validated on the basis of whether it qualifies, not when the person was there. So, I hope the DXCC committee looks at that and just lets people know that if they go and it's not on the list, that they're going at their own risk.

And, if I go somewhere and if it's not on the list, I just think you'd better work it.

(Laughter.)

MILLER: I want to thank you all. I don't want to take a lot of time. I have a lot of stories I could tell you. I'm organizing my slides. I hope to get around to some of the clubs and show them. And, I want to leave the rest of the time for any questions and answers that you have. I know you've had a lot of questions for me when I've met you in the hallways. I want to thank you again for being such good friends, being so kind and so supportive and so forgiving.

The DXers are the greatest guys in the world and I just want to say thank you and answer any questions you might have, with whatever time we may have left on the program, if you have any questions at all.

(Applause.)

MILLER: Any questions at all? Okay. Oh, we have one up here.

QUESTION: I was a teenager when I think I worked you on a location called Minerva Reef. I don't know if there's anything more you can say about it, but I'm curious if you have any recollections of Minerva Reef.

MILLER: Yes, Minerva Reef is one of those countries that did not count. But, it's not true that the reef is completely underwater. There are times when, certain times when, it surfaces. And, we went there. But, we couldn't find it. So, that card is no good and it shouldn't be any good.

You say you were a teenager at the time?

QUESTION: Yes.

MILLER: Okay. All right.

QUESTION: Do you still have the logs?

MILLER: The question is about the logs. There is one place where there may be a majority of the logs and I haven't been able to reach this person yet. He's passed away and I'm trying to locate some family. But, the majority of the logs were in one place.

What I did, before I left, I designed a new form of log, which in its time was quite unique. It was on NCR paper and we would -- to preserve the logs, we would distribute them in a certain way in case one set got lost. We didn't have the type of communications we have now. So, one complete set ought to still be somewhere around St. Louis, Missouri, and I'm trying to locate them. And, if we can, and if there's somebody that still needs a QSL card, we'll try to accommodate you. All right?

Are there any other questions?

Okay, guys, it's time for lunch. Thank you so much. Happy DXing.

(Applause.)

K8MG: I never got a chance to work you, but I heard a lot about you and enjoyed your presentation.

MILLER: Well, we hope to work you in the future.

K9IR: K9IR, Paula.

MILLER: Were you active back in those days?

K9IR: Unfortunately, I wasn't. I wish I was. I'd love to invite you back to join the rest of us in the Midwest for W9DXCC.

MILLER: I still have a reel-to-reel tape I prepared in Korea with all the W9s that I arranged in order of signal strength.

K9IR: Well, that's wonderful.

MILLER: Then I sent a copy back to our club meeting one time, but I have another copy.

K9IR: Can we get you to come out to talk with us in September?

MILLER: In September, I don't know.

K9IR: W9DXCC, "your convention," from what I'm told.

MILLER: Oh, just remind me, just remind me, I'll try.

K9IR: What's the best way to get hold of you?

MILLER: E-mail.

K9IR: Okay, let me give you my card. What I'll do is this: We put together a history for the 50th, last year.

KE3Q: Don, you know Martti Laine, don't you?

MILLER: Marty who?

(Laughter.)

MILLER: Yes, I want to introduce him to DXpeditions.

MAN: You're the only man in the world who can get away with that one!

KE3Q: Are you going to show him how it's done?

MILLER: Oh, he knows how it's done.

K9IR: But, I'll send you the history that we did last year. Hopefully, that'll help entice you to come out and see us. We'd love to see you.

MILLER: I'll try. That's all I can tell you.

K9IR: All right. I appreciate it. Thanks again. Good meeting you.

MILLER: Yes, nice meeting you too. Are you in Chicago or a suburb?

K9IR: Yes, in the Chicago area.

MILLER: I'm going to be there Sunday for a couple days, with my son.

K9IR: Oh, whereabouts?

MILLER: I don't know. We're staying on the north side. Around Diversey. Maybe two or three days. Martti?

OH2BH: This had to be done, Don, this speech. You did it very well.

MILLER: Oh, you think it was all right?

OH2BH: You haven't lost anything during these years.

MILLER: Oh, you're a good man.

OH2BH: And, I'd like to remember the meeting that we had 10 years ago.

MILLER: Oh, that was wonderful. I enjoyed meeting your son, too.

OH2BH: Yes. Petri was 10 years old and we had a wonderful day in San Luis Obispo and I thank you very much.

MILLER: Yes, it was like a breath of fresh air.

OH2BH: I felt so sorry for you because, on that day, you said that I was the first out of state visitor for so many years to come to see you.

MILLER: Yes, you were, you were.

OH2BH: So, there were so many of these people who should have kept in contact with you.

MILLER: Well, they did, in their own way, many of them, and then especially -- a few before that time, but many after that time.

OH2BH: Well, thanks. Welcome back.

MILLER: Well, we'll be talking, because I need to talk to you for some advice. All right?

OH2BH: Advice!?

MILLER: I need advice.

KE3Q: On that new country you've found?

MILLER: No, not that!

(Laughter.)

MILLER: I need some help.

W6OSP: Bruce, W6OSP, up in Napa. And, I'm the Treasurer of the Northern California DX Foundation.

MILLER: Oh! That's great!

W6OSP: My e-mail address is on there.

MILLER: Okay, I was going to try to make the Northern and Southern [Visalia] but I wasn't able to make it this year.

W6OSP: Well, if you find out that you're going to be up our way, let me know.

MILLER: Well, thank you very much.

W6OSP: You're welcome.

MILLER: All right, Bruce. Is Dave still around, W6WX?

W6OSP: Yes, he is. He is. Good seeing you.

MAN: Would you autograph some cards for me?

MILLER: Sure.

MAN: Why didn't you take your old call?

MILLER: W9VNE has it. It's now called the Don Miller Club or something, and they promised it back to me.

KE3Q: Do you want it back, when you can arrange it?

MILLER: Yes, sir! But, it's in good hands.

MAN: It was a pleasure to work you 35 years ago.

MILLER: I enjoyed it myself.

MAN: I want to say it's an honor to finally meet you, sir.

MILLER: Oh, did we work in the old days?

MAN: No, I was a novice in 1972.

MILLER: But, you're a DXer now?

MAN: I try to be.

MILLER: That's great. Maybe we'll have a chance to talk.

MAN: I look forward to it.

END

Bob, **K9RHY**

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